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[Mt. Airy, Phila., PA]

Mr. Howland Wood
156 St. & Broadway
Audobon Park
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir,

Speaking with Mr. Henry Chapman the other day in reference to a gold dinar, the impression of which I enclose, he informed me he had nothing with which to identify this coin. (I thought it to be a gold dirhem of Haroun-El-Reschid caliph of Bagdad, mathematician a.d. of "Arabian Nights" fame.) But knowing that you had the means with which to identify it he kindly referred me to you.

May I ask this favor of you? I am enclosing return postage and if there is any extra charge, I will gladly forward same on your advice.

Thanking you heartily I am

Yours very truly

Howard A. Davidson
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Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mr. Howard A.Davidson
134 W. Gorgas Lane
Mr. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter containing the coin has been received. I have been able to make out the date of this which is 155 of the Mohammedan era, and this would correspond to 773 of our era. The piece was therefore struck during the Califhate of El Mansoor. It has no especial rarity.

I am herewith enclosing the coin.

Very truly yours,

Curator.